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## **APEC Committee on Trade and Investment Priorities 2006**

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## APEC Committee on Trade and Investment

### *Priorities 2006*

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## CTI 2006 Priorities

- o Driven by the *Busan Roadmap to the Bogor Goals*
  - endorsed by Leaders in 2005
- o Provides definition and coherence to APEC's existing work
  - Plus Busan Business Agenda

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## Busan Roadmap

- o More complex business and trade and investment policy landscape
- o Add value to other organisations
- o Stability and security – foundations for open markets
- o Reaffirm commitment to 'Bogor'

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## Elements of the Roadmap

- o WTO
- o RTAs/FTAs
- o Business Agenda
- o IAPs and CAPs
- o Capacity Building
- o Pathfinders

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## Support for the Multilateral Trading System

- o Remains CTI's highest priority
  - Best vehicle to achieve Bogor Goals
- o APEC members common objective to successfully conclude the DDA negotiations this year.

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## Promotion of high-quality RTAs/FTAs

- o Model measures on commonly accepted RTA/FTA chapters by 2008
  - trade facilitation in 2005
  - work plan to progress other chapters in 2006.
- o Trade policy dialogue in 2006 to share experiences in negotiating RTA/FTAs.

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## Busan Business Agenda

Leaders' Agenda – responding to business

- Trade Facilitation
- Digital Economy and IP Rights
- Investment
- Transparency & Anti-corruption
- Secure Trade (with CTTF and others)
- Structural Reform (with Economic Committee)

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## Trade Facilitation

- Final review of the Trade Facilitation Action Plan (TFAP) in 2006
- A public-private dialogue on trade facilitation in the margins of CTI 2
- Further 5 percent reduction by 2010
- More collective actions

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## ● ● ● | Digital Economy and Intellectual Property Rights

- Build on the 2005 APEC Anti-counterfeiting and Piracy Initiative.
- Develop technology choice principles for inclusion in Digital Economy Pathfinder.

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## ● ● ● | Investment

- Develop expanded work program on investment liberalization and facilitation.
  - Potentially a major deliverable for IEG/CTI this year.

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## ● ● ● | Transparency and Anti-corruption

- Assess implementation of the APEC transparency standards
- Response to ABAC report on transparency in APEC economies
- Contribution to 2004 Santiago Commitment and the APEC Course of Action to Fight Corruption and Ensure Transparency?

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## ● ● ● | Secure Trade

- Contribution to the Secure Trade in the APEC region (STAR) initiative
  - particularly SCCP and IEGBM

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## ● ● ● | Structural Reform

- Significant component of APEC agenda to create better business environment
- Emphasis on 'behind the border'
- Cross cutting issue
  - need to coordinate with the Economic Committee's (EC) and Finance Ministers process

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## ● ● ● | Strengthening IAPs and CAPs

### *Individual Action Plans*

- New arrangements for IAPs agreed in 2005
- Next cycle of Peer Reviews to begin at SOM 1 in 2007
- CTI and sub-fora role in peer reviews?

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## ● ● ● | Strengthening IAPs and CAPs

### *Collective Action Plans*

- CAPs to be updated
  - to reflect revised priorities and
  - ensure they are outcome-oriented
- CTI sub-fora must update CAPs
  - Ideally, by the end of 2006

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## ● ● ● | Capacity Building

- More strategic approach
  - Stronger evaluation & accountability
  - Access to funding linked more closely to priorities (CTI and SCE)
  - Public-Private Partnership

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## The Pathfinder Approach

- Important but under-utilised tool
  - recognises that APEC economies may need to do things at different paces
- CTI and sub-fora to identify areas for new Pathfinders.

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## Engagement with CTI

- Keen to work with sub-fora to improve engagement.
  - Productive relationship is vital
- Self assessments in 2006?
  - Opportunity to assess effectiveness of engagement with CTI
  - Includes CAP review

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## Key Messages

- Need to be able to explain outcomes and relevance to Ministers and Business
  - We don't market well
- Practical trade and investment related deliverables
- Co-operate with CTI and other (sub)fora

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